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Fire Prevention “Month”

This year’s theme for Fire Prevention Week is *Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out*. We all know that in a fire, seconds count. This theme reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan.



Our annual Memorial Ceremony will commence Fire Prevention Week on Sunday, October 8th at 13:00.

The Firefighters Association has had a bronze statue created for the center of the brick Maltese cross, and it will be unveiled at the ceremony. A special thanks to Kent Eubank for taking the lead on this project.



We also have one former volunteer firefighter who passed away in the last year and will be added to the wall: Assistant Chief Richard Rogers.

UPCOMING DATES

October 8 to 14 – Fire Prevention Week

October 3 – Union Meeting 19:00

October 4 – Association Meeting 19:30

October 8 – Memorial Ceremony 13:00

October 14 – Pancake Breakfast/Open House 07:00 to 11:00

October 30 – Fire Truck & Treat 18:00

Also, the annual Pancake Breakfast/Open House is Saturday, October 14 from 07:00 to 11:00. Set up will start at 06:00. Mercy One will be landing and the kids’ obstacle course is back. There will be much to help with, so even an hour of your time makes a difference. Dress is long sleeve class A.



The month is full of school visits, business fire drills, Cub Scout presentations, business PR events, etc. Thank you for all your help making a difference in our community.

September Incidents

Rescue and EMS – 98 (down 32)

False Alarms – 76 (down 5)

Good Intents – 44 (down 1)

Fire – 12 (up 1)

Hazardous Condition (no fire) – 27 (up 10)

Service – 15 (down 9)

Special Incident Type – 1 (up 1)

Overpressure, Explosion, Etc. (no fire) – 1
(same)

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster – 1
(same)

Anniversaries

August brought us several fire department milestone anniversaries:

25 years: Kurt Westhoff

10 years: Jake Shapansky

5 years: Travis Boots,
Ben Bruening, Michael
Dunkin and Joe Thomas



Congratulations to everyone!

On Scene – Bennett Grand Woods



Educational Achievements

International Association of Arson Investigators

Mike Whitsell, Kurt Westhoff,
Doug Rex, Paul O'Connell,
Tim Hostetter and Greg Siembieda

CITA Fire School Dan Mosher

**National Alternative Fuels
Training Consortium**
P.J. Harrison



Mikulich and Dunkin assist with the air trailer.



B-Shift crews at rehab.

Research for Jerry's Kids

Thanks to everyone who helped with the 2017 MDA "Fill the Boot" campaign. Over \$10,000 was raised to help kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related life-threatening diseases. Over the last six years, members raised enough money to fund one medical research grant for \$60,000!



Local 3586 Members with the MDA Program Director.

Out and About



L215 on scene at 46th and Westown Pkwy.



Mackey made national fitness news!



9/11 Remembrance at Station 21.



E190 B-Shift at the Bridgewood block party.



Gathercole shows Bennett Grand Woods residents E172. (A couple weeks before the fire.)

